## **News Release**

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## For Immediate Release

## NO FIRE WORKS ON BLM PUBLIC LANDS IN WASHINGTON STATE

**Spokane**—The public is reminded that all fireworks are banned on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Washington state. This ban is in effect year round, but is emphasized at the beginning of summer because higher temperatures increase the fire danger. The fireworks ban includes all public lands and recreation sites under BLMs management and jurisdiction.

Scott Boyd, Fire Management Officer with the Spokane District, says that according to the fireworks ban, possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks on BLM administered land in Washington state is prohibited. Mr. Boyd warns that anyone convicted of violating the ban could face a sentence of up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

For additional information, contact the Spokane BLM office at 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212, telephone (509) 536-1200, or the Wenatchee BLM office at 915 Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801, telephone (509) 665-2100, or check the website at <a href="https://www.or.blm.gov/spokane">www.or.blm.gov/spokane</a>.